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California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
Financial Assistance Branch
Post Office Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Attn: Trevor Joseph

Re: Inyo Mono IRWMP Implementation funding proposal.

Dear Mr. Joseph,

The purpose of this letter is to immediately request reconsideration of the preliminary recommendation that \$0 funding be provided the Inyo Mono IRWMP.

The Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council (CSRC&DC) serves a large area in the Central Sierra including Mono County. Our mission and area plan call on us to not only serve the people within our Development Area but protect the natural resources as well. The natural resources throughout the Sierra especially water are vital to the fragile economy of the region.

The large number of Tribal and Disadvantaged Communities within the Inyo Mono IRWMP boundary warrants additional latitude when scoring this very worthy proposal. The fifteen (15) projects chosen after careful consideration by the Inyo-Mono RWMG are all vital to communities throughout the Inyo-Mono planning region for a multitude of reasons that include but are not limited to (1) the ability to provide safe drinking water, (2) address wasteful water use due to antiquated water related infrastructure, (3) provision of back-up water supply to several schools in the region, (4) avoidance of environmental health hazards, (5) storm water planning and (6) the means to more effectively suppress damage from wildfires. For most of the project proponents, securing funding to address such critical needs are extremely challenging due to limited resources, both human and financial in nature. Funding through the Prop. 84 IRWM Program is of critical importance to the region and all those that have devoted an inordinate amount of time in order to (1) complete the first ever Inyo-Mono IRWM Plan and (2) prepare and submit a Round I Implementation proposal.

The East Slope of the Sierra Nevada is the sparsely populated, underserved, and underfunded Crown Jewel of California. The Inyo Mono IRWMP proposal represents the collective voice of these disadvantaged and underserved communities. Although



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the proposals themselves may not have been prepared in a manner that is construed as being competitive with others submitted by other regions within the Lahontan funding area, they nonetheless are of critical importance.

Once again, we respectfully request a reevaluation of the initial recommendations in the hopes that all or a portion of the initial funding request be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Valerie Klinefelter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Valerie Klinefelter
Chair CSRC&DC

Cc: Senator Ted Gaines